

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Vice Chair Kelly Flynn, on April 20, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 152 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kelly Flynn, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Tom Jacobson, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Dave Fern (D)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Adam Hertz (R)
Rep. James O'Hara (R)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Jeff Essmann, Chair (R)
Rep. Zach Brown (D)
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Margot Miltenberger, Committee Secretary
Megan Moore, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SJ 23, 4/18/2017

HEARING ON SJ 23**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:03:51 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SJ 23, Interim study on property taxation of utility property.

Proponents:

00:07:04 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (Montax)

EXHIBIT(tah81a01)

00:11:33 Aimee Grmoljez, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA), Cenex Refinery (CHS), MDU

00:13:25 Geoff Feiss, Montana Telecommunications Association (MTA)

00:15:27 Dave Galt, Calumet Montana Refining

00:15:52 Dave Hoffman, NorthWestern Energy (NWE)

00:16:20 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

00:17:11 Will Rosquist, Public Service Commission (PSC)

EXHIBIT(tah81a02)

Opponents: None

Informational Witnesses:

00:18:37 Doug Hardy, Montana Rural Electric Cooperatives Association (MECA)

00:19:01 Gene Walborn, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:19:18 Rep. Dunwell

00:20:01 Sen. Thomas

00:20:44 Rep. Dunwell

00:21:33 Will Rosquist, PSC

00:22:48 Rep. Dunwell

00:24:06 Gene Walborn, DOR

00:24:40 Rep. Fern

00:25:14 Bob Story, Montax

00:26:26 Vice Chair Flynn

Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:43 Sen. Thomas

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:30:01 Rep. Hamilton

00:31:42 Gene Walborn, DOR

00:32:54 Rep. Dunwell

00:34:48 Bob Story, Montax

00:35:52 Rep. Fern

00:36:28 Bob Story, Montax

00:36:47 Rep. White

00:37:44 Gene Walborn, DOR

00:38:33 Rep. White

00:39:08 Will Rosquist, PSC

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 00:41:10

Margot Miltenberger, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah81aad.pdf](#))